

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 882 – *Unemployment Insurance – Federal Extended Benefits for the Long-Term Unemployed*.

This bill specifies that, for specified weeks of unemployment, a State “on” indicator for extended unemployment benefits exists under specified circumstances and specifies that a State “off” indicator exists for specified extended unemployment benefits under specified circumstances. This bill also prohibits specified extended benefits from being payable for any week of unemployment beginning before a specified date and establishes the Extended Benefits Fund, in which the purpose of the Fund will be stated along with the intent of the General Assembly.

House Bill 1228, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 882.

Sincerely,

Governor